

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on December 10, 2003. Claims 1-45 are pending in the Application. In the Office Action, claims 1-4 and 41 were rejected. Applicants cancel claims 5, 14-40 and 42-45 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5-13 were objected to because they depend from a rejected base claim. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 41. Claims 46-57 have been added to the application. Based on the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully request favorable action in this case.

Applicants note with appreciation that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of claim 5. Similarly, though the Office Action does not specifically address the elements of independent claim 41, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 41 includes similar limitations as claim 1, which was rejected. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 41 to include the limitation of claim 5. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 41 is now allowable for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. Applicants also submit that new claims 46-57, which depend from claim 41, are allowable. Accordingly, favorable action and allowance of all pending claims is requested.

Enclosed is a \$210.00 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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